ATTACHMENT A

CLEAN VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

1. A method for arteriosclerosis diagnosis comprising the steps:

    drawing blood from a human vein or artery, not an

    affected part;

    measuring quantitatively, by an immunological

    detecting method, a concentration of a complex

    present in the drawn blood comprising oxidized LDL

    and one substance from the group consisting of an

    acute phase reactant, blood coagulation-fibrinolytic

    related protein and a disinfectant substance

    produced by macrophages; and

    diagnosing the onset of arteriosclerosis based on

    the measured concentration of the complex.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the acute phase reactant is selected from the group consisting of α1-antitrypsin, fibrinogen, fibronectin, lipoprotein (a), C-reactive protein (CRP), Serum amyloid A (SAA), Serum amyloid P component (SAP), α2-macroglobulin, α1-antichymotrypsin, α1-acidoglycoprotein and a complement component.

3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the blood coagulation-fibrinolytic related protein is selected from the group consisting

of a tissue factor, plasminogen, prothrombin, thrombin, antithrombin 3 and a plasmin activator inhibitor 1.

4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the disinfectant substance produced by macrophages is selected from the group consisting of myeloperoxidase, lactoferrin, lysozyme and basic protein.

5. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the immunological detecting method is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme immunoassay, a latex flocculation method, an immunological emission spectrochemical analysis and an immunochromato method.

6. The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the immunological detecting method is selected from an enzyme immunoassay, a latex flocculation method, an immunological emission spectrochemical analysis and an immunochromato method.

7. The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the immunological detecting method is selected from an enzyme immunoassay, a latex flocculation method, an immunological emission spectrochemical analysis and an immunochromato method.

8. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the immunological detecting method is selected from an enzyme immunoassay, a latex flocculation method, an immunological emission spectrochemical analysis and an immunochromato method.